

Remarks.

1. In view of the examiner's restriction requirements the applicants elected a **process** to be claimed and withdrew Claims 2,3 and 9-12 related to **apparatuses**. In view of the examiner's restriction requirements the applicants retain the right to present Claims 2,3 and 9-12 in a divisional application.

2. The applicants further canceled Claim 4 related to a different process- a flotation.

3. It was next required by the examiner that the applicants elect the method of bubbles formation, as three distinct methods of bubbles formation were claimed. The applicants realize that it was a wording of the Claim 1 that caused a misunderstanding in a way that a method of gas bubbles formation as such was seen as being claimed

4. To comply with the examiner's request in a FINAL Office action in accordance with § 1.141 the applicants select as a provisional election with traverse a **pressurization-depressurization cycle** as a method of gas bubbles formation.

5. However the applicants realize that claiming any method of gas bubbles formation altogether with the claimed method of water treatment within one patent application would contradict requirements of the same 35 USC.121 quoted by the examiner. It is also a requirement of 806.05(i) to elect either a product and a process of making it (in this case gas bubbles and method of their formation) or the process of using the product (the claimed method of water treatment by these gas bubbles). Thus we elect the method of water treatment and can not claim (and did not intend) any method of gas bubbles formation.

6. Amendment to the Specification.

A withdrawal and cancellation of several claims accompanied of making the Drawings compliant with the requirements caused many corresponding changes to be made in the Specification. Thus, instead of providing instructions of what numerous paragraphs are to be canceled or changed we provided a Replacement Specification.

7. Amendment to Drawings.

In the Replacement Drawings number of the Sheets "6" was changed to "5" as it is now only 5 sheets of the Drawings. An oblique line was inserted between the sheet number and the total number of sheets of drawings. On the examiner's request numbering of elements was changed in a way that now each single element has a single reference number, these numbers starting from the Sheet 2 consist of two digits, the first digit

Being the Sheet number, i.e. an element 42 can be found at Sheet 4. Each Figure of the Drawings is now marked with an inserted FIG and a corresponding number, like FIG 2.

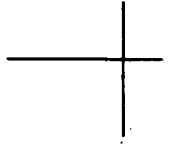
Sir, we realized that with this Office action we obtained a requirement for restriction (also known as a requirement for division). At the same time this Office action was marked as "FINAL". The applicants are currently in confusion because a second part of 37 CFR 1.142 (a) states : (this requirements) it may be made at any time before final action" i.e. we read it in a way that it has to be either a requirement for a division, or a Final action, but not both of them at the same time.

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